



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

March 2012 Newsletter

Easter Egg Hunt *April 7, 2-4pm*

We welcome you to a community-wide day of fun and excitement. More information on page 9.

Maundy Thursday Service *April 5, 7:30pm*

We'll gather together as a community to commemorate Jesus' last night on earth and his meal with the Disciples in the Upper Room.

Good Friday *April 6, 9am - 5pm*

The CCC sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation.

Easter Breakfast *April 8, 9am*

One of the most wonderful mornings at Community Christian Church happens on Easter morning when we all gather to share breakfast together. Let us know what you will be bringing by contacting the church office.

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Spring Fund-raiser

We're calling it Raffle-mania

**and we're sure you'll want to support the church
And you may be a winner!**



Raffles to:

- ... wet the appetite
- ... dream of fun vacations
- ... encourage golfers to practice their swing
- ... imagine owning the latest in electronics

Watch for details



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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SAVE THESE DATES

**April 15
Birthday Dinner**

**July 8-13
CCC Mission Trip**

**September 29
Garage Sale**

Bryan's Bits

Dear Church Family,

I wrote these words some years back when I was walking with someone who was questioning God's will on the illness of a spouse. I want you to know that these words were written to them but even more, written to me. I pass them on to you because I think that the heart of trust is often found in "do I love?" Love is risky, it is scary, but it is also exciting and will grow us more than any other force the world has seen or encountered. Love is at the heart of this time of preparing for our coming Church Birthday Celebration, our preparation for Easter, our lives lived out in relationship with one another. Please read and tell me what you think of my thoughts on "trust" and "love"? Are they pertinent to our lives right now, right here? Take care and may you experience the love and blessings that come from Christ Jesus!

"Trust is dependent on Love. Do I love Jesus enough to trust Him? Most of love comes as a response to love. We love because someone first loved us. How do we know love, we take a risk. Risky love means that we have the opportunity to be rejected and our love is not returned. I wonder about that a lot. When Teresa and I first started dating we had infatuation, "chemistry" is what kids call it nowadays. If our relationship stayed at infatuation we would have been together until it wore off and we grew tired of each other, probably because of something silly or annoying and moved on.

Once the "feelings" go so does the relationship, when you are not truly grounded in love. Love begins when we see the silly and the annoying and overlook it, or speak to it and adjust our perspectives. When we "bear up" with that person and love them. When we begin to keep no record of wrongs and move into a more mature love, that is when trust begins to flourish. Love comes in when we can read 1 Corinthians 13 and see it in our own lives being lived out in the practice of our love. If we love God that way, we begin to trust Him with the things that we cannot control. We begin to trust Him with our loved ones. We begin to trust Him in the dark places and grab hold of His hand knowing that He will take us toward the light. Trust is forged in the fire of love. Corrie Ten Boom, a Christian who, along with her family, helped save the lives of many Jews during World War II, once said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." A "known God" is only trusted when we have risked taking His hand in scary, dark, or difficult places and still continue to walk on. I hope this makes some sense and clears a path instead of putting more things to stumble over along that said path. Take care and I will pray for us as we travel.

Bryan

p.s. For more on Corrie Ten Boom, visit this site:

www.corrietenboom.com

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any time you feel it's necessary.

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CCC Dates to for Your Calendar

March 17	Spagingo! Prep Day
March 18	Friendship Sunday Spagingo!
April 5	Maundy Thursday
April 6	Good Friday
April 7	Easter Egg Hunt
April 8	Easter
April 15	Birthday Dinner
May 5	Spring Work Day
May 6	Ministries Council Meeting
May 20	General Board Meeting
June 16	Feed My Starving Children
July 8-13	Mission Trip
September 29	Garage Sale
October 6	Feed My Starving Children

Ongoing Events

Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
 Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 9-9:30am
 Children's Time - Sundays, 9-9:30am
 Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am
 Sermon in the Round - Tuesdays, 10am
 Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
 Bible Study - Thursdays, 7pm
 Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
 Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am
 The Well Book Group - 4th Saturday, 9:15am

Keep up with CCC events on the website. Go
 to the Upcoming Events page on our website:
www.CCCLincolnshire.org



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 Lincolnshire, Illinois

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Don't miss the March Women's coffee on
 Saturday, the 10th! We start at 8am at
 Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free
 flowing - we come and go when we need
 to. This is such a great time to sit down,
 relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your
 calendars now before things get too busy. Come
 share some coffee and some laughs to start your day
 off right!

In May, the women will be hosting a "*Mothers
 and Others*" event. The planning is beginning, and
 Susan is looking for any and all ideas. This will be an
 opportunity to honor and support the mother in all
 of us. Whether you have your own children or are a
 mother figure to a family member or friend, you are
 welcome. What we do and what we give to one
 another is so sacred. Let's honor that together in
 May.

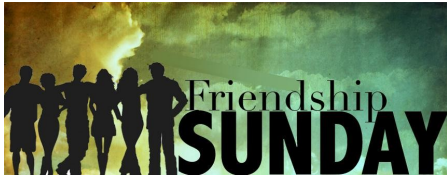
Lastly, there will be a summer day retreat for the
 women in 2012. Susan is looking for contributors to
 make this day a worthwhile investment of time and
 energy for us all.

If you are interested in helping with any of these
 events, please contact the church office.



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast will take
 place on Saturday, March 3, from 8-9am in Thompson
 Hall.

Please contact the church office.



Please join us on Sunday, March 18 at 10am for a celebration of friendship. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to join you at worship. We would love to increase our circle of friends at CCC and Friendship Sunday is a perfect way to do it. Our worship will explore the role of friendship in our lives. After worship you can continue the fun by staying for the youth fundraiser Spagingo!

Children's Sunday School 2012 Rotation Lesson Plans



March
April
May

The Last Supper
The Walk to Emmaus
Paul on the Road



SPAGINGO!

(Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night)

Bring the entire family for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food and Bingo! Freewill donations will be collected to raise money for the mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Come and enjoy a luncheon catered by CCC's youth!

When: Sunday, March 18

Time: Lunch will be served at 11:30am
followed by Bingo

Who: The whole family

Where: CCC Friendship Hall

The General Operating Budget data for January 2012 is as follows:

January income	\$20,442
January expenses	\$20,045
YTD income	\$20,442
YTD expenses	\$20,045



Are You Thirsty?

CCC Women would like to invite you to a book group, which meets monthly on the 4th Saturday at 9:15am. The group is discussing the bestselling book, The Well by Mark Hall from the music group, Casting Crowns. Teresa Elliott will be leading the study. To order a book and/or if this sounds interesting to you please contact the church office.

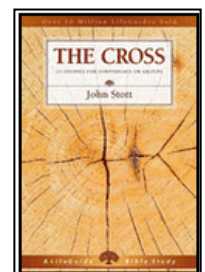
Go to the website for more information about the book:

<http://castingcrowns.com/store/well-book-mark-hall>

The Cross Bible Study

Community Christian Church invites you to join a weekly evening Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7pm. The group is discussing the book "The Cross" by John Stott and will explore the accomplishments and meaning of the cross.

Contact Bryan Elliott for more information and to order a book for \$6.00.



Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in February:

Ron
Bryan & Teresa
Lynn
Ruby & Judy
Char
Phyllis
Borchueh & Ping

Thank you to those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in January:

Thank you to all the youth who lead with Youth Sunday.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts who helped with Boy Scout Sunday.

Thank you to Jim and Perry for fixing the toilet upstairs in the office.

Thank you for the generous donations of "loaves and fishes".

Thank you to the CCC Women who served breakfast for the CCC Men.

Thank you to our Stephen Ministers and to Bryan Elliott for his installation as a Stephen Minister.

Happy Birthday!

C.J.	1
Nathan	1
Emily	2
Danielle	2
Lorraine	4
Joan	4
Angela	4
John	5
Sarah	12
Patrick	13
Daryl	13
Andrew	15
Rebecca	15
Sean	16
Sarah	17
Chris	20
Karen	22
Kristy	22
Rachel	23
Josh	28
Lindsey	30
Virginia	30

New Addresses

Jim & Phyllis moved on February 24
contact the church office

Effective April 1:

Bryan & Teresa
contact the church office

Mankus Family
contact the church office

All cell phones and emails remain the same

Happy Anniversary!

Steve and Diane	4
Fred and Babs	10
John and Stacey	15
Chuck and Nancy	15
Steve and Marsha	17



Meet Adam and Randi - CCC's New Youth Ministers

Greetings! Our names are Adam and Randi, and we are glad to be joining your family here at Community Christian Church. Thank you for welcoming us into this church and for being gracious to us as we get settled in. We are excited to serve you as youth pastors and look forward to coming alongside the Holy Spirit in what He wants to do in and through this church. In order to get to know us better, we will share some of our story with you here. At least one person has told us we are approachable, so feel free to talk with us. We look forward to getting to know you all better.

We are still newlyweds as we married last year on June 4th, 2011. Some people have told us that this newlywed period lasts only for one year, others have said two years, and still others have said up to five. It is our solidly grounded opinion that it will last a lifetime. So, in case you want to know all the mushy, gushy details of how we met, you can read on. If not, you may skip this paragraph down to the next. We met as freshmen at Indiana Wesleyan University in 2006. Adam remembers the day that Randi walked in the doors of their first class together; Randi struggles to remember that Adam was even in the class at all. After becoming good friends, Adam asked Randi on a date their sophomore year and expressed his undying love and affection for Randi. Randi let him down gently. To make a long story short, Randi finally said yes (as Adam patiently waited) one year later. We were married and now live happily ever after; in other words, we haven't killed each other yet.

At Indiana Wesleyan, we both majored in Christian Ministries and are now pursuing our Masters of Divinity at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Randi is originally from Archbold, Ohio and Adam from Linden, Indiana. Some interesting or not so interesting facts (depending upon your perspective and how easily you are entertained) include:

- Randi played volleyball and cheerleading in high school.
- Randi has 5 younger brothers and 1 older sister.
- Adam played tennis, wrestling, and baseball in high school.
- Adam has only 1 brother.
- We both enjoy swing dancing and made up a dance for our wedding.
- Before we knew each other, we went on separate mission trips to Tijuana, MX in 2004 where we both received our call into the ministry.



Our goal in our ministry is to be faithful to God, as He has revealed Himself to us in His Word, in serving His church. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve at CCC while we attempt to enlarge our brains in seminary. It is good to be with you!

In Christ,
Adam and Randi



ALIVE! CCC Youth Page REVIVE!

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS 9TH through 12TH Graders

CCC YOUTH VISION STATEMENT

TO GATHER AS FRIENDS IN A FUN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT
TO SHARE STORIES AND LEARN HOW
TO CENTER OUR LIVES ON CHRIST.

CCC YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

FINDING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

LAUGHING IN ORDER TO LOVE AND TO BE POSITIVE

ARTISTICALLY EXPRESSING OURSELVES THROUGH PRAISE

READING THE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL

PRAYING FOR OUR WELL-BEING AND FOR OTHERS



Spagingo is Coming!

Spagingo is becoming an annual tradition to raise funds for the Mission Trip, and it's so much fun to get together and serve, eat and play Bingo! All the youth prepare and serve the meal so we need your help on March 17 - bright and early (9am) to prepare things. Come for an hour or more - your help is necessary! Then after church on March 18, we'll serve food to all our favorite (and generous!) CCC people. Then we'll have a rip-roaring afternoon of Bingo.

Let us know you'll be there, okay?

Mission Trip is Also Coming!

Our youth will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee this year to be a part of Group's Week of Hope from July 7-14, including two days for travel. Here's a brief description of the week:

Nashville is a multicultural, international community with people from many nations drawn to the hope of success in the city's music-driven environment. But, while music is the lifeblood of Nashville, you'll also find a city of culture and history, of haute cuisine, of pro sports, thriving academics, natural beauty and pure Southern charm. Unfortunately, one other thing you'll find is a level of discord that has settled over many people in Music City. They need someone like you to share the love of Christ in a practical way to make their lives sing again. Your service will strike a cord of hope for years to come!

If you or a youth you know are interested in attending, contact Adam, Pip or the church office.

March/April Schedule

MAR 4	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - NOISE
MAR 11	11:30AM	BOWLING
MAR 17	9AM	SPAGINGO PREP
MAR 18	11:30AM	FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY + SPAGINGO
MAR 25	11:30AM	SPRING BREAK - NO YOUTH GROUP
APR 1	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - KICKBALL
APR 7	12-5PM	EASTER EGG HUNT + BAKE SALE
APR 8		EASTER - NO YOUTH GROUP
APR 15	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - LUGGAGE
APR 20-21		LOCK-IN
APR 22	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE
APR 29	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP EVENT?

Bet-You-Can't-Guess-What's-NEW-With-CCC's-Annual-Birthday-Dinner??**LOTS OF THINGS!****Day-** SUNDAY, 4/15/12 (Mark your calendars), 5:30-8ish**Theme-** YES! Jeans and whatever for our WESTERN THEME**Menu-** more like a BBQ!**Music-** COUNTRY WESTERN!**MC-** Brian Wismer- YEAH!!!!!!! Now we KNOW we'll have fun!**Décor-** Want to loan us some and then take it home that night?**NO Auction!**

Singles or couples ~ Dance if you dare

More to come...

...questions...

...call or e-mail the church office

**More Birthday Dinner News!**

The CCC Birthday Dinner this year will have a filled basket on each table as a centerpiece to be raffled at the conclusion of the dinner. The Birthday Dinner Committee is looking for people to donate these baskets. We will need 10 baskets in order to have one per table.

The birthday dinner theme is Western and some basket ideas are: wine basket, specialty beer basket, chocolate basket, basket with home baked items, pasta basket, and gardening basket.

If you have an interest in putting a basket together and donating it to the church, please contact the church office and tell me your idea. I can't wait to hear from you.



Pastor's Class



Please consider joining the Pastor's Class this year to further explore your spirituality with the purpose of baptism or confirmation. If you are in sixth grade or older, even an adult who would be interested, there are many options for meeting together. Please contact Bryan Elliott for more information. The baptism ceremony is tentatively set for May 6 at 5:30pm at the Christian Church of Arlington Heights with dinner out afterwards.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



SERMON SURVIVAL TIP: If during the sermon, you drift off to a peaceful slumber.. and your wife gently nudges you, pretend you were praying, and just quietly say.. "AMEN".



Pet Food Pantry for Lake County Residents

There is a new Pet Food Pantry in Grayslake that hands out unopened donated food to Lake County pet owners who are struggling to feed their pets. They also accept open bags of food and give those to rescue groups. If you happen to find yourself with a kind of pet food Rover or Fluffy doesn't like or you buy an extra one for the Pantry, you can give it to me or drop it at Care Animal Hospital on 176 just east of Butterfield or you can bring your items to church and Nancy will deliver them.

CCC Easter Egg Hunt

April 7, 2-4pm

The Easter Egg Hunt is the biggest community outreach events of the year, and we need you to lend a hand. In the past, our Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival has drawn 200-300 people onto the church grounds, the majority of whom were not church members. This event goes a long way toward building community awareness of our church. To make it run smoothly, we need as many people as possible helping out. Not only will you be able to help the church, but your presence will show our visitors how loving and welcoming our church family is. Please let us know how and when you are able to help.

- Bring candy to church -
to stuff over 4,500 eggs
- Volunteer for a one hour shift at the event
12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm
please contact the church office
- Donate something from the list below
- Bake or buy something for the bake sale - see below
- Help your youth to get involved - details below

Donations Needed

- Candy - small and individually wrapped pieces that fit into a plastic egg
- 3-4 raffle baskets w/toys, stuffed animals and candy
- Bigger raffle item
(iPod, digital camera, gift certificate, etc.)
- Monetary donations
- Small toys
- Streamers (pastel Easter colors)

Bake Sale

We will have a bake sale to raise funds for the Youth Mission Trip. We would like you to donate an entire cake, a pie, a pan of brownies, 24 cupcakes or the like. Also needed are smaller portions, like 2-4 cookies, 1 cupcake, 2 brownies, wrapped in one package. If you want to know more, contact the church office.

CCC Youth

Your help is so important for this event! It's also a lot of fun and you can earn service hours. Please contact the church office when you can be there on April 7 from 1-5pm: CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net, or call 847.945.8824.

Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Alexander & Evan	Mack
Amy's family	Mary's family
Ana	Matthew
Andrew & Whitney	Maura and Family
Ann	National & World
Bodil's family	Leaders
Brent	Nikki
Chris	Our Stephen Ministry
Patrice	Our Troops
Danielle & Danny	Pat
Don's family	Patrice
Family and Friends of	Patrick
Naomi	Paulette
Gaby &	Rich
family	Rich
George	Robert
Gig's family	Sheila & Jimmy
Gretchen's	Stephanie
family	Toby
Helen's family	Tom
Henry	
Howard & Eleanore	
Jackson	
Jason's family	
Jay's family	
Jim's family	
Josh's family	
Kathleen	
Kay	
Kenlay's family	
Kris's family	
Kristen	
Lesli & Bunny	
Lin	



Short Term Prayer List

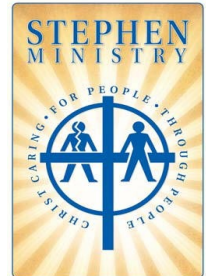
Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Danny	Noel & Sherri
Jill, Adam & Randi	Pip
Kara	Sam & family
Kelsey	Sean
Nelson	Wayne

Do You Recall????

When Lent seemed to carry a very strong message? Ash Wednesday was a time when black marks were seen on the foreheads of all our Catholic friends. Meatless Fridays were not uncommon and there was a lot of talk about what pleasure was going to be avoided. These were all "outward" expressions of a serious and sad time in the Christian calendar. And because these traditions were being respected it was also a time to think a little more about God and our faith. It seems in recent decades many of these observances have been relaxed and we hear more about Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday.

This year, why not take a little extra time to reflect on your faith during the 40 days of Lent. Consider the value of sacrifice and more time reflecting and in prayer. Our loving Lord cares deeply for each of us every moment, this might be a wonderful time to remember that. If you need help reaching out to our Heavenly Father please contact the church office and they will find a Stephen Minister to guide you.



■ CCC Events ■ CCC Youth Groups
■ Troop 78 ■ Committee Meetings

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ■ 7p Bible Study	2	3 ■ 8a Men's Breakfast
4 ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group	5 ■ No School ■ 7p Troop 78	6 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Commissioners	7 ■ 7p Choir Practice	8 ■ 7p Bible Study	9	10 ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break
11 ■ Girl Scout Sunday ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group Goes Bowling	12 ■ 7p Troop 78	13 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Roundtable	14 ■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir Practice	15 ■ 7p Bible Study	16	17 St. Patrick's Day ■ 9a Spagingo Prep
18 ■ Friendship Sunday ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Spagingo	19 ■ 7p Troop 78	20 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 6:30p Elders ■ 7p Pack 78	21 ■ 7p Choir Practice	22 ■ 7p Bible Study	23	24 ■ 9:15a Women's Book Group
25 Annunciation ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult Sunday School ■ 10a Worship	26 ■ 7p Troop 78	27 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	28 ■ 7p Choir Practice	29 ■ 7p Bible Study	30	31